

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

INTRODUCTION

1 Thess. 5:17 - Pray without ceasing. (Memorize)

James 5:16b - The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(Read also: Heb. 14:6; Psalm 116:2; Jer. 33:3; John 16:24; Psalm 86:7; Eph. 6:18)

HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

(Why God does not & will not hear prayer.)

- 1. Lack of faith/belief** - Matt. 9:2, 21:22; Mark 11:22-24; Hebrews 11:6; James 1:6-7
- 2. Sinful Lifestyle or Evil Behavior/Conduct** - Ps. 66:18; Prov. 15:29; Isa. 59:1-2; 64:7; Mic. 3:4; Judges 2:19; Isa. 1:16, 3:8; Jer. 4:4, 7:3, 21:12-14, 23:2,22, 25:5, 26:3,13, 35:15, 44:22; Ezek. 14:23, 20:43-44; Hos. 9:15, 12:2; Zech. 1:4
- 3. Failure to A-S-K (Ask, Seek, Knock)** - Luke 11:9-10; James 4:2
- 4. Selfish Requests** - James 4:3
- 5. Not keeping God's commandments** - 1 John 3:22; Prov. 28:9
- 6. Improper fellowship between the husband and wife** - 1 Peter 3:7
- 7. Not asking according to God's will** - 1 John 5:14-15
- 8. Pride** - (Defined) Zeph. 2:10; Mark 7:21-22; 1 Sam. 17:28; 2 Chron. 32:26; Ps. 10:2,4, 12:3; Job 35:12; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:1-2; Isa. 16:6, 28:3; Prov. 6:16-19, 8:13, 13:10, 14:3, 16:18-19, 21:4, 28:25, 29:23; Obad. 1:3; Dan. 5:20; Jer. 48:29, 49:16;
- 9. Unwillingness to help the poor** - Prov. 21:13; Deut. 15:11; Psalm 82:3-4, 109:16, 41:1; Prov. 17:5, 19:17, 28:27, 31:9; Zech. 7:8-10
- 10. Bloody hands** - Isa. 1:15; Ezek. 33:1-8; Acts 20:17-27; Rom. 1:14-16
- 11. Unforgiveness (practical application to a believer)** - Mark 11:25-26; Zech. 7:13; Matt. 18:21-35; Luke 17:3-4